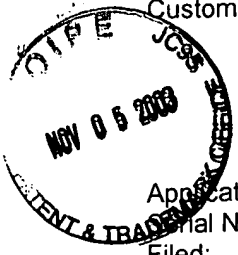


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Application of: Edwards et al.
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For: GERD Treatment Apparatus and Method

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL
(37 C.F.R. § 1.114)

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: (Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995.)

1. SUBMISSION REQUIRED UNDER 37 CFR §1.114:

- A. Previously submitted
 - Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR §1.116 previously filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered.)
 - Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
 - Other _____

- B. Enclosed
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- A. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR §1.103(c) for a period of _____ months
- B. Other _____

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